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FOR THE AMBASSADOR ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT - DAVID KISSINGER

1. THE SECRETARY'S SON, DAVID, WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE PARTY ON THE FORTHCOMING VISIT. THE SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROVIDING A SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES YOU THINK HIS SON WOULD ENJOY DURING OUR STAY. (FYI: DAVID IS AN ACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT 15 YEAR OLD WITH AN AVID INTEREST IN HISTORY, THE ARTS, AND SPORTS. HE PARTICULARLY ENJOYS SEEING RUINS, MONUMENTS, AND ALWAYS PREFERS THAT ANY PROGRAM WORKED UP FOR HIM INCLUDE TIME FOR SIMPLY WALKING AROUND THE CITY.)

2. THE SECRETARY WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR A MEMBER OF YOUR OFFICIAL FAMILY TO ACT AS AN ESCORT FOR DAVID. THIS NEED NOT BE A PROFESSIONAL (OCCASIONALLY WIVES HAVE VOLUNTEERED) BUT SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO IS BRIGHT AND ENERGETIC.

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3. THE SECRETARY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON TWO PERSONAL QUESTIONS:

A. EARLY ON IN THIS EXERCISE ZAHEDI SAID THE COURT WOULD PROVIDE AN AIRCRAFT AND GUIDE TO TAKE NANCY AND DAVID TO ISFAHAN AND PERSEPOLIS. GIVEN ZAHEDI'S SOMEWHAT PERPLEXING PERFORMANCE SO FAR, SECRETARY WONDERS IF ANYONE BUT ZAHEDI IS A PARTY TO THIS ARRANGEMENT. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT DAVID AND MRS. KISSINGER WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MOST GENEROUS OFFER, IF IT STILL STANDS (OR EVER DID). SECRETARY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD, WITHOUT SOLICITING AN OFFER NOT ALREADY EXTENDED, DISCREETLY LOOK INTO THE STATUS OF THIS MATTER.

B. ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT PLANS, SECRETARY WILL SPEND MOST OF THE SIXTH AT THE CASPIAN. HE WONDERS IF IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR DAVID TO ACCOMPANY HIM. IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL FROM THIS END JUST HOW WELCOME HE WOULD REALLY BE, AND WHETHER HE MIGHT NOT FIND IT MORE INTERESTING IN TEHRAN OR ELSEWHERE. WHILE THIS WOULD BE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR DAVID, SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CANDID COMMENTS AS TO ADVISEABILITY. KISSINGER

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